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PART 2

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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J.P. Leon was a unique talent, admired and envied by all for his ability to convey the complexities of the world with a distilled simplicity of line and mastery of the craft that few can ever hope to attain.

He's passed much too soon, leaving us to wonder what heights he would have achieved, but thankful for the work he's left behind that will inspire generations to come.

Our hearts at Marvel go out to his family, loved ones, friends, and fans.

Godspeed,
Joe Quesada



PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

CHAMELEON CONSPIRACY Part 2

Peter Parker's old friend Betty Brant has returned to NYC, surprising Peter with the news that she is pregnant--and that the father is Ned Leeds! Peter thought Ned was dead, but it turns out Ned is alive and well.

Meanwhile, Peter's classmate Jamie enlisted Peter to help create the Clairvoyant, a machine that can view possible futures. While Peter was dealing with other things, Jamie was using the Clairvoyant to help his ailing mother but instead racked up debts with super casino boss Chance. Chance and his partner, the Foreigner, have come to collect the Clairvoyant. However, Jamie has run out of juice to power the device, and the only thing left that might be able to power it is the heavily guarded machine known as the Catalyst...

Lastly, Peter's superspy sister, Teresa Parker, broke into a Symkarian prison seeking revenge on the Chameleon, who killed her boyfriend/fellow spy, David. But before she could finish the job, the Chameleon tempted her with information about her parents--and introduced her to the man who killed them: the Finisher!

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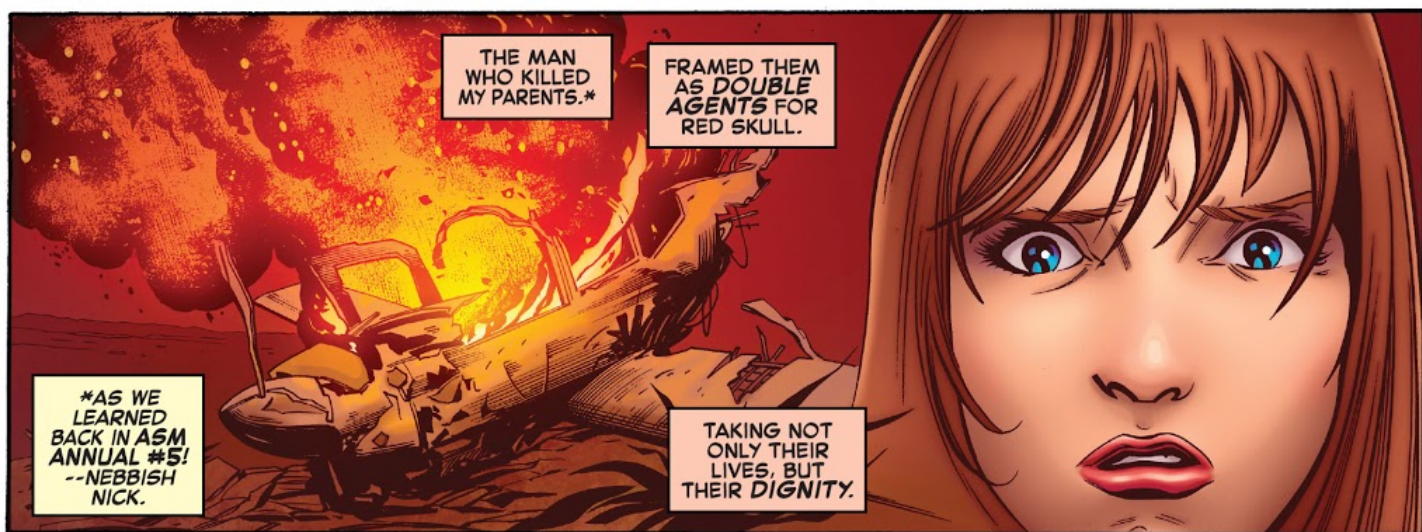
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TERESA PARKER. IT'S BEEN FAR TOO LONG.

THE FINISHER.



THE MAN WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.*

FRAMED THEM AS DOUBLE AGENTS FOR RED SKULL.

*AS WE LEARNED BACK IN ASM ANNUAL #5! --NEBBISH NICK.

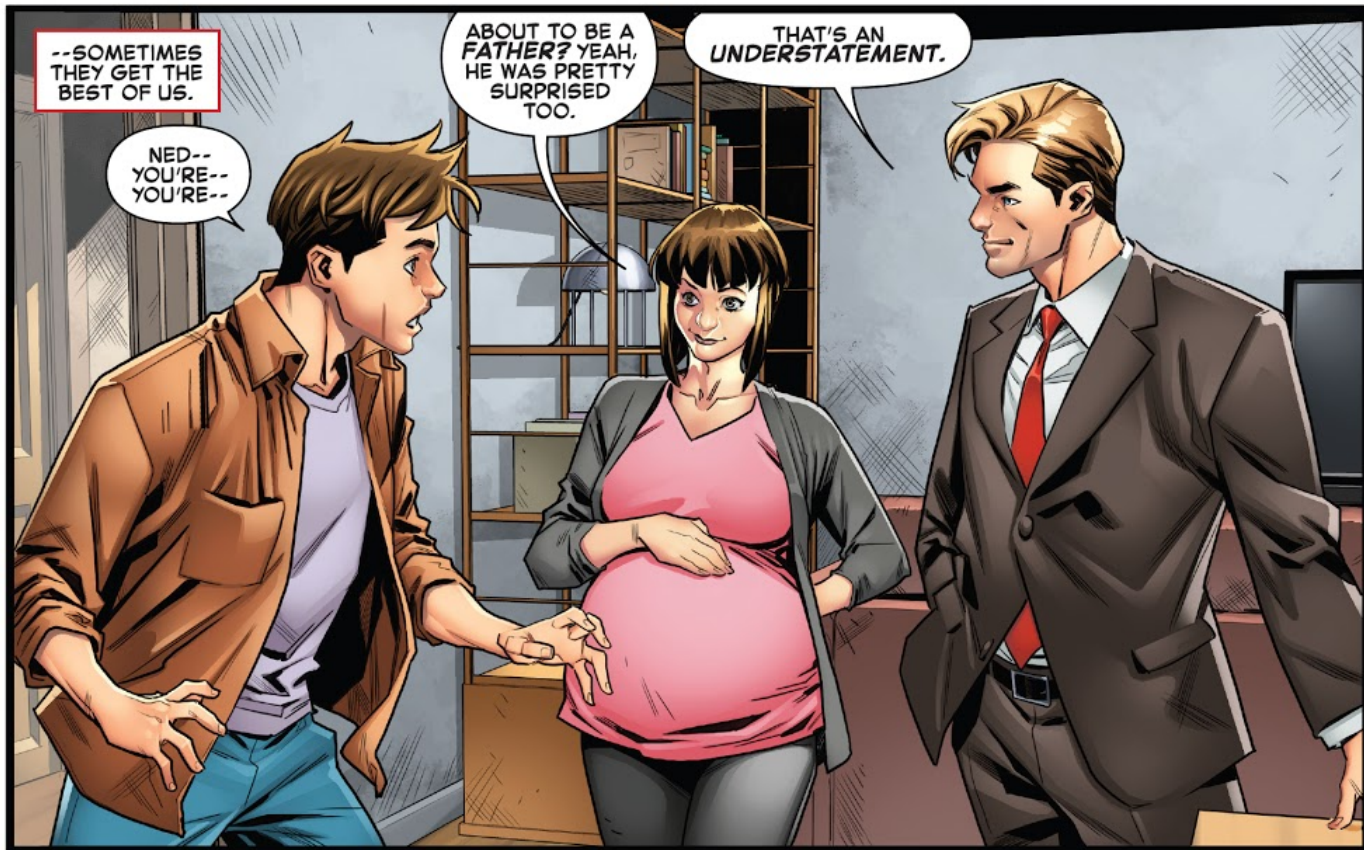
TAKING NOT ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THEIR DIGNITY.



FROM THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES, GIRL, I CAN SEE THAT I NEEDED NO INTRODUCTION.







--SOMETIMES
THEY GET THE
BEST OF US.

NED--
YOU'RE--
YOU'RE--

ABOUT TO BE A
FATHER? YEAH.
HE WAS PRETTY
SURPRISED
TOO.

THAT'S AN
UNDERSTATEMENT.



BUT THIS--
THIS ISN'T
POSSIBLE--
YOU DIED.

IT'S A
LITTLE MORE
COMPLICATED
THAN THAT--



--BUT I **PROMISE**
YOU, IT'S REALLY
ME.

AND I KNOW I'VE
GOT A LOT TO EXPLAIN.
THERE'RE SOME
PARTS THAT I CAN'T...
FOR NOW, BUT--

--I DO
WANT TO
TRY.



WHY
DON'T YOU
HAVE A
SEAT?

"I WAS THE
HOBGOBLIN!

"OR RATHER--
I BELIEVED I WAS
THE HOBGOBLIN.

"BRAINWASHED
BY THE REAL
ARTICLE,
**RODERICK
KINGSLEY.***

***CHECK OUT HOBGOBLIN LIVES
FOR THE FULL STORY! --NL.**

"BUT IT TURNS
OUT KINGSLEY DID
HIS JOB A LITTLE
TOO WELL.

"FIRST, THE STRESS
AND STRAIN OF HIS
CONTROL SENT ME
DOWN A DESTRUCTIVE
EMOTIONAL SPIRAL...

"...WHICH EVENTUALLY
CAME TO BLOWS WITH
FLASH THOMPSON.*

***ASM #275!
--NL.**

"MY BROKEN MIND COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND HOW A NORMAL
HUMAN MAN LIKE FLASH COULD
STAND A CHANCE AGAINST
THE HOBGOBLIN.

"SO WHILE YOU AND
I HEADED TO GERMANY*--
AT THE SAME TIME KINGSLEY
WAS FRAMING ME AND PLANNING
MY EXECUTION--I CONCOCTED
A PLAN OF MY OWN...

***SPIDER-MAN VS.
WOLVERINE #1 --NL.**

"ONE THAT INVOLVED
A QUICK TRIP TO ONE
OF NORMAN OSBORN'S
EUROPEAN REAL
ESTATE HOLDINGS.

I MUST BECOME
STRONGER! PERHAPS
OSBORN'S GOBLIN SERUM IS
LOSING ITS EFFECT. THAT'S
THE **ONLY** EXPLANATION.
WELL, IF SO--

--I'LL
HAVE TO FIND
MORE!

"AND EVIDENTLY,
I CAME TO THE
RIGHT PLACE.

"I INGESTED
ALL THE SERUM I
COULD FIND FROM
NORMAN'S HIDDEN
LAB--

"--AND THEN
WAITED TO FEEL
SOMETHING.

"BUT NOTHING
HAPPENED, TO
MY SURPRISE.

"MEANING, WHEN
FOREIGNER'S MEN
ATTACKED,* I STILL
DIDN'T STAND A
CHANCE.

*AS SEEN IN BOTH
S-M VS. W #1 &
ASM #289! --NL.

"SO MY DEATH WAS
REAL, BY MOST EVERY
MEASURE MEDICALLY
OBSERVABLE.

"BUT JUST AS
IT HAPPENED FOR
NORMAN, SLOWLY,
OVER DAYS...



"...THE SERUM
BROUGHT
ME BACK.

"AND THIS IS THE
PART I HAVE TO
LEAVE OUT FOR
NOW, I'M AFRAID.

"BUT, SOMEONE FOUND ME.
SOMEONE WHO COULD **HELP**
ME. AND THEY GAVE ME
THE OPPORTUNITY TO **HELP**
OTHERS. AND GET SOME
JUSTICE AGAINST THE MEN
WHO TRIED TO KILL ME.

"I WISH I COULD SAY
MORE...ABOUT WHY IT
TOOK ME **SO LONG**
TO COME BACK, OR
WHY I HAD TO KEEP
IT ALL A **SECRET**."

THAT'S...QUITE
A STORY, NED.
BUT--

--WHY
NOW,
THEN?

THAT'S
WHERE I
COME IN.

AS IT
TURNED OUT,
NED AND I WERE
WORKING TOWARD
THE SAME
ENDS.

JUST FROM
DIFFERENT
ANGLES.

"I TOLD YOU SOME OF THIS BEFORE-- I WAS WORKING ON A **HUGE** STORY."

"A MASSIVE MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN OUT OF MOSCOW, INFILTRATING AND INFLUENCING MEDIA OUTLETS AROUND THE GLOBE."

"BUT I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING ANY **PROOF**--UNTIL THE MONEY TRAIL LED TO SOME DEALINGS WITH THE FOREIGNER."

"THAT'S WHEN MY SOURCE REACHED OUT..."

"...AND EXPOSED **EVERYTHING**."

"THOUSANDS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OUTLINING THE ENTIRE OPERATION--"

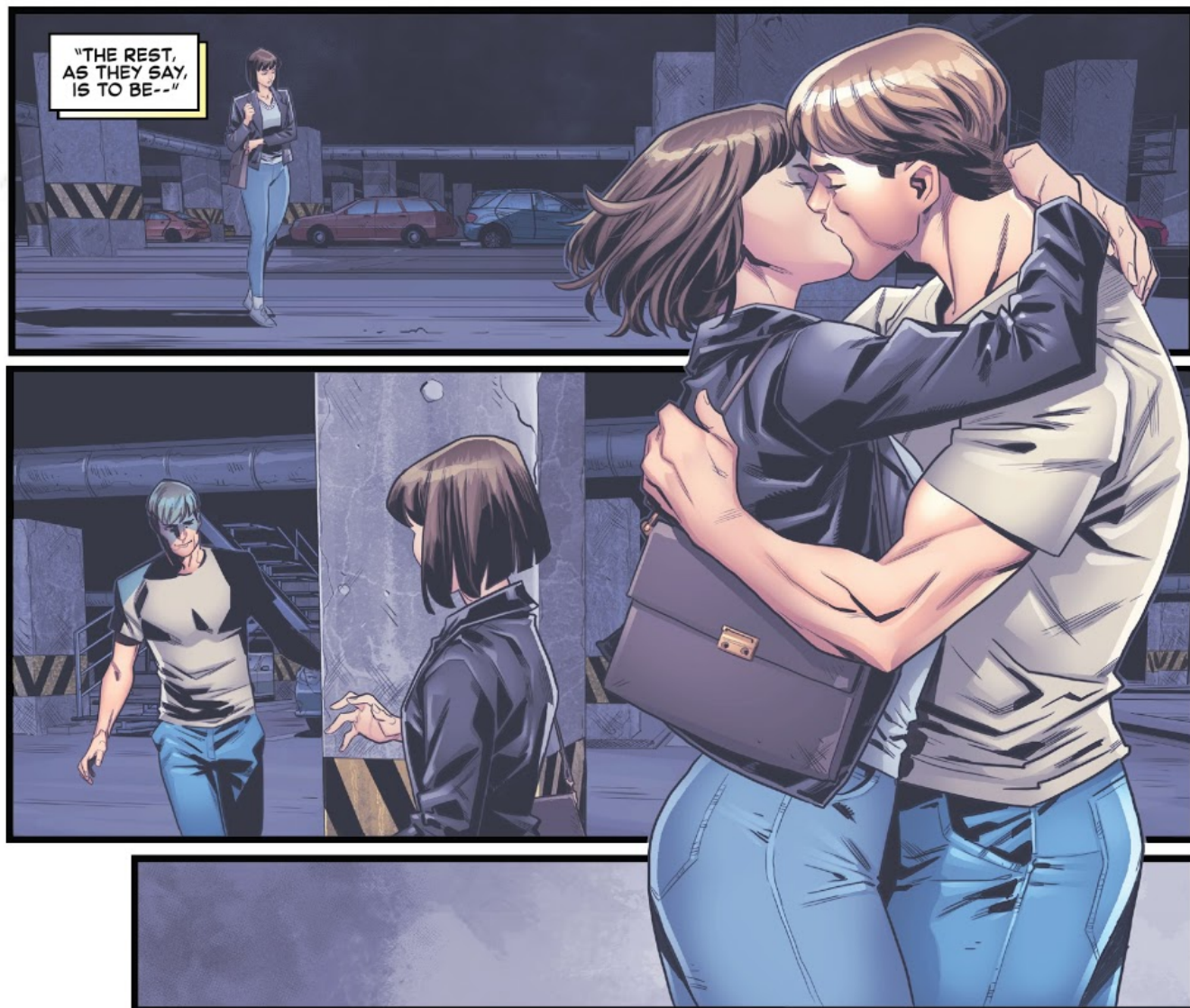
"--AND IT WAS EVEN **BIGGER** THAN I'D THOUGHT."

"AS WE WENT OVER IT ALL, WE KNEW WHAT HE HAD. AND WE THOUGHT WE COULD BLOW THE STORY WIDE OPEN, REALLY SHOW THE **BUGLE** WAS BACK--"

"--BUT WE NEEDED TO CONFIRM THE SOURCE."

"SO AFTER A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH, I FINALLY WORKED UP THE NERVE."







I'M SO HAPPY--
FOR BOTH OF YOU--
REALLY. BUT I DON'T GET
WHAT I HAVE TO DO WITH
ANY OF THIS. YOU SAID
YOU NEEDED MY
HELP.

WE
NEED YOUR
SCIENCE
BRAIN.



WE
INTERCEPTED
SOME INFORMATION--
SOMETHING THE
FOREIGNER IS
WORKING ON--



--APPARENTLY
WITH SOMEONE WITH
CONNECTIONS TO **EMPIRE**
STATE UNIVERSITY.
SOMEONE BY THE NAME
OF **JAMIE TOLENTINO**
BUILT A DEVICE
CALLED...



...THE
CLAIRVOYANT.



JAMIE!

NED--BETTY--
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I--I HAVE TO
GO!





EASY FOR
YOU TO SAY--
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONES TRYING TO GET
THIS ACCESS
CARD.

RELAX,
GENIUS.



WE'RE RIGHT
OUTSIDE,
REMEMBER?



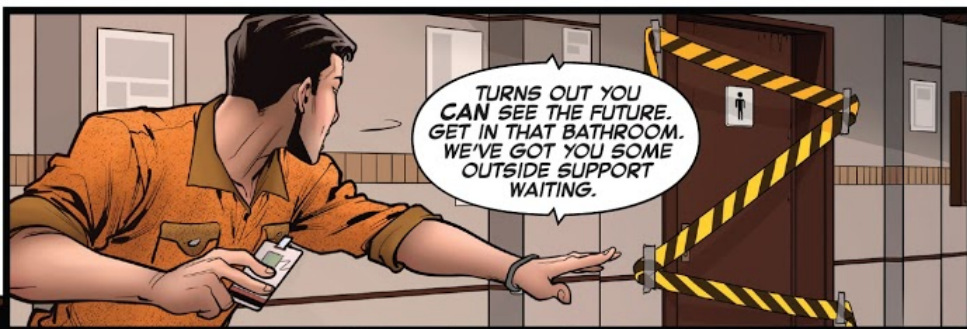
AND WE'VE
GOT PLENTY OF
BACKUP IF WE
NEED IT.

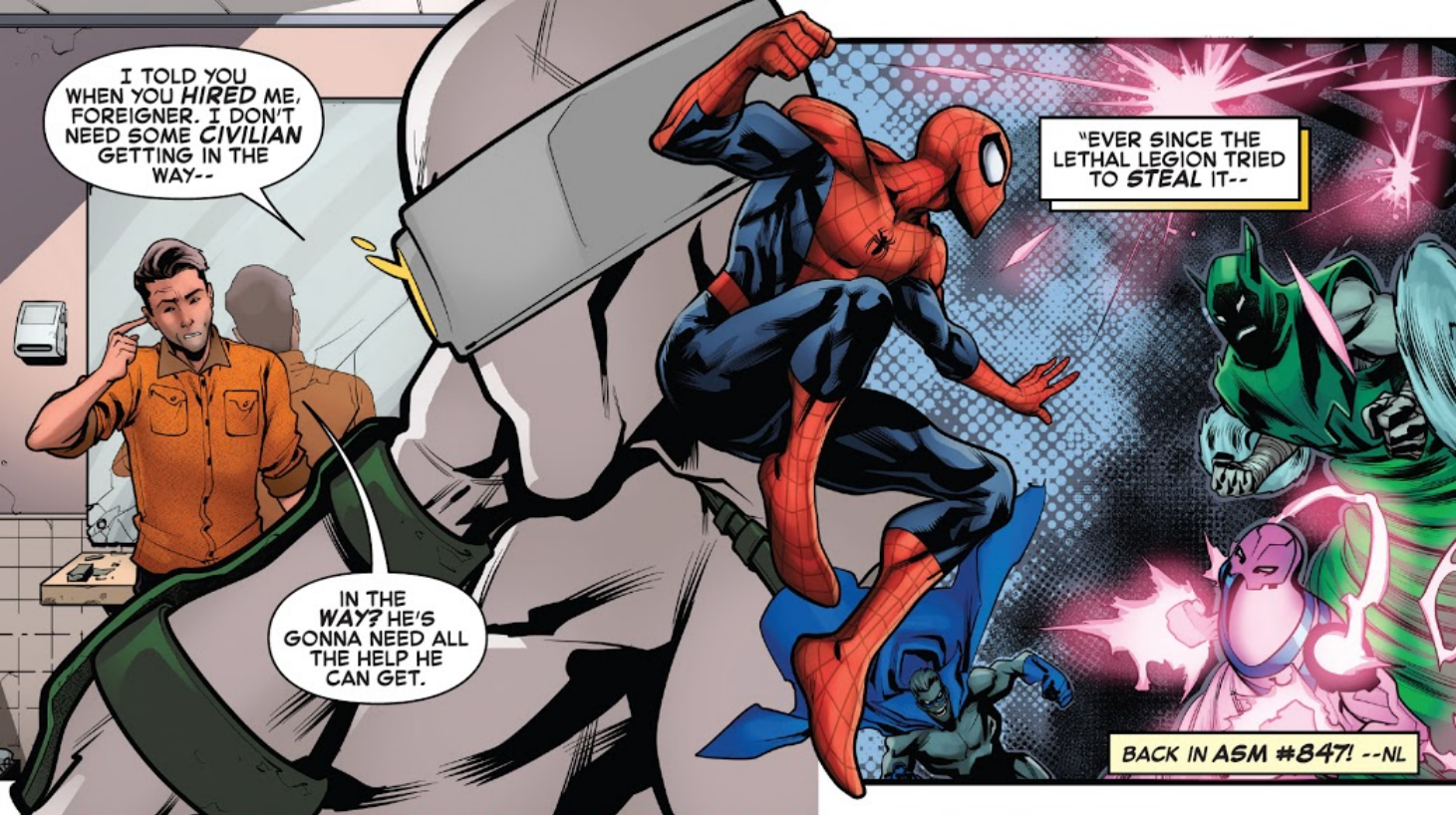


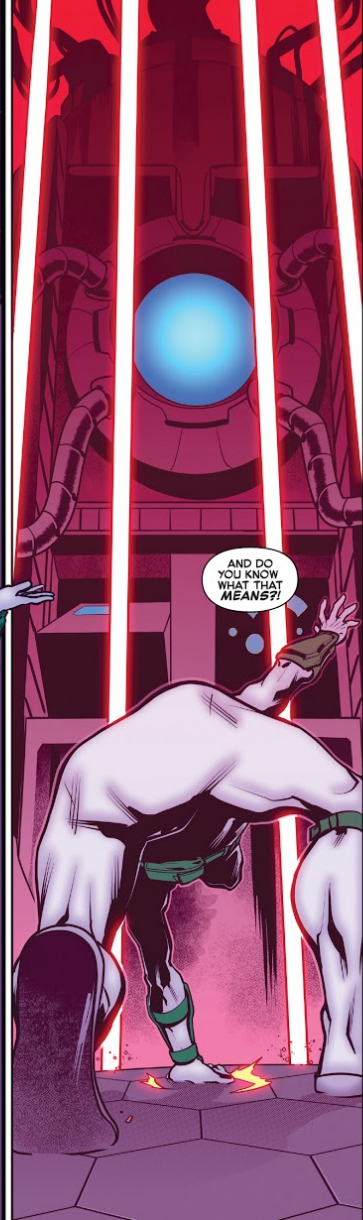
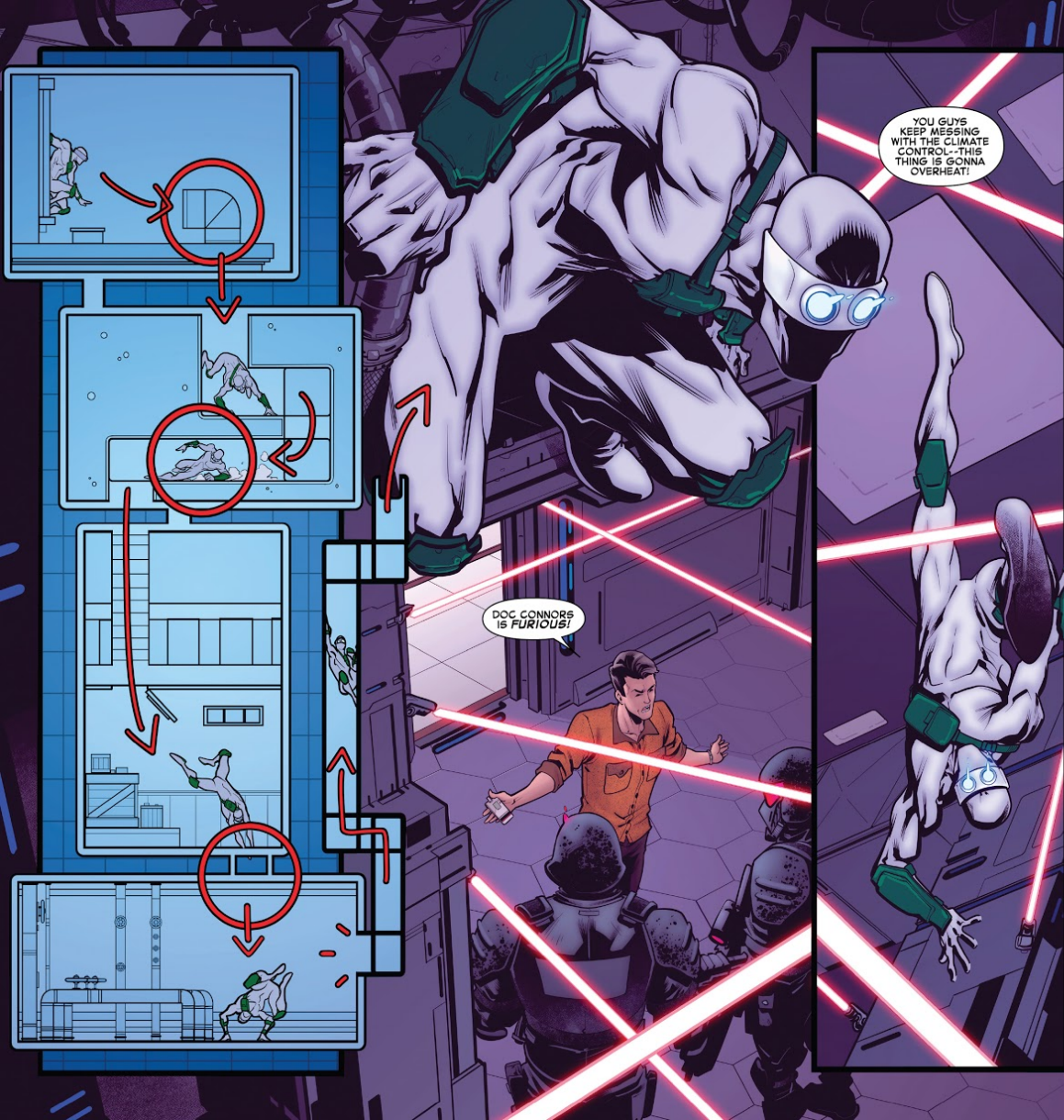
DOCTOR
CONNORS!

JAMIE!
YOUR
TIMING ISSS
PERFECT.







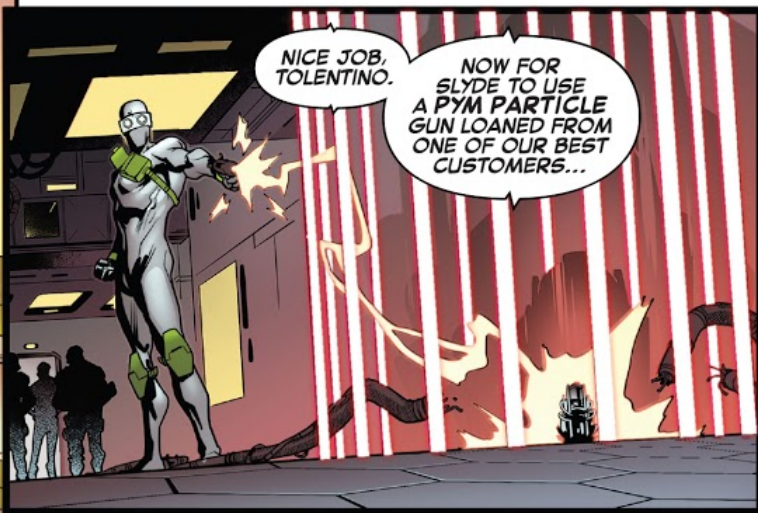


"THIS WHOLE
THING IS ABOUT
TO BLOW."

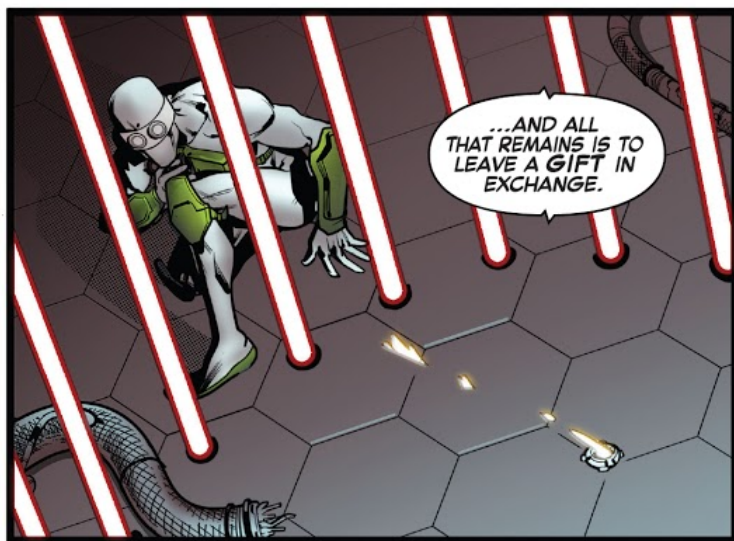


NICE JOB,
TOLENTINO.

NOW FOR
SLYDE TO USE
A PYM PARTICLE
GUN LOANED FROM
ONE OF OUR BEST
CUSTOMERS...



...AND ALL
THAT REMAINS IS TO
LEAVE A GIFT IN
EXCHANGE.

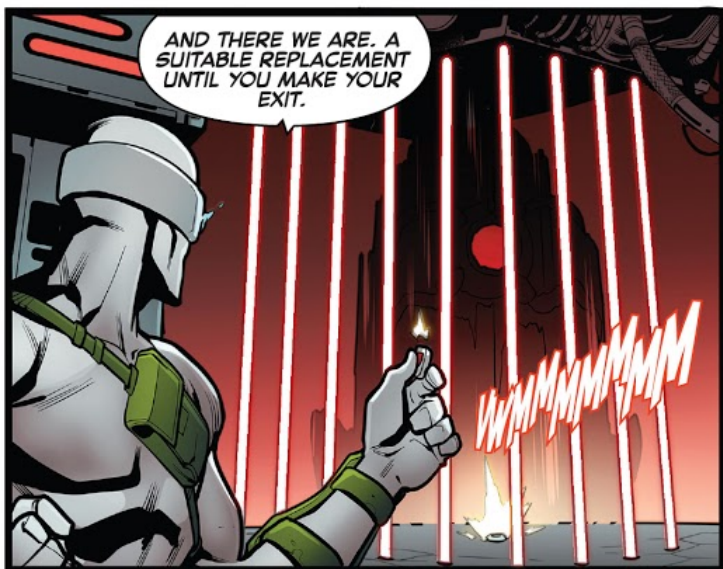


DOC--IS--I'M
LOOKING FOR ONE OF
YOUR STUDENTS--
JAMIE.

SSPIDER-MAN?
HE--HE WAS
JUSSST HERE.



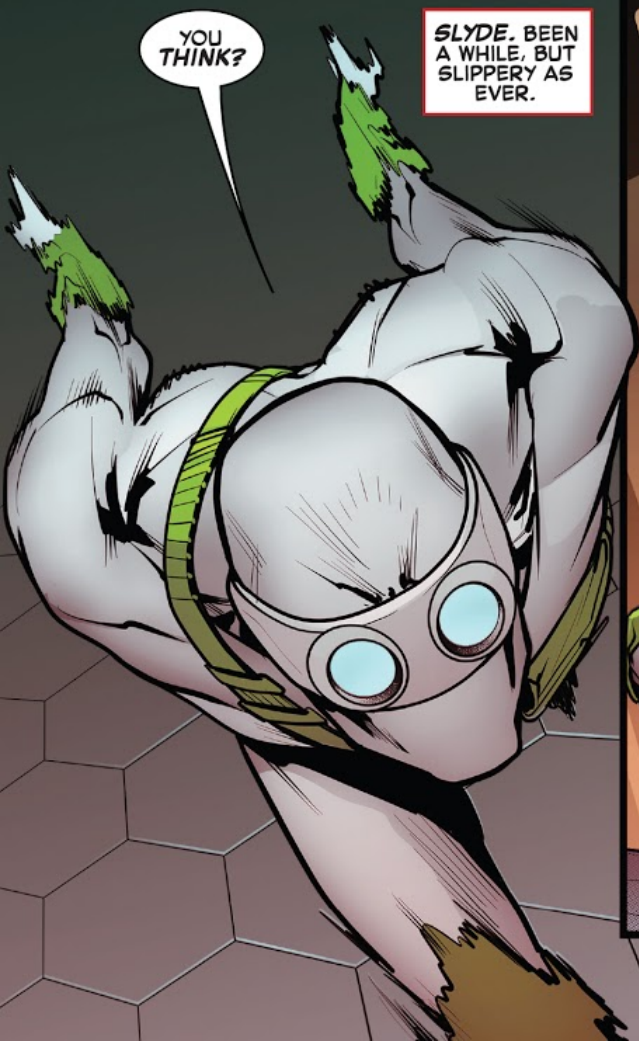
AND THERE WE ARE. A
SUITABLE REPLACEMENT
UNTIL YOU MAKE YOUR
EXIT.



NOW
MOVE.
FAST!

YOU KNOW
WHAT, FELLAS?
FORGET I SAID
ANYTHING. HE'S COLD-
BLOODED ANYWAY.
HE'S PROBABLY JUST
IMAGINING THINGS--





SLYDE. BEEN
A WHILE, BUT
SLIPPERY AS
EVER.



--ALONE.



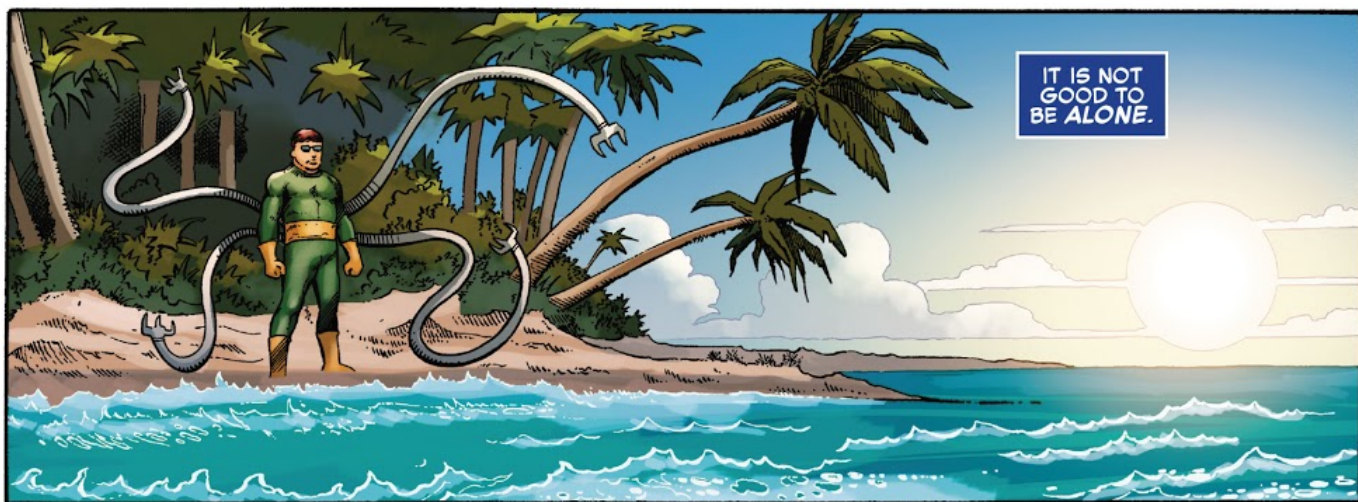
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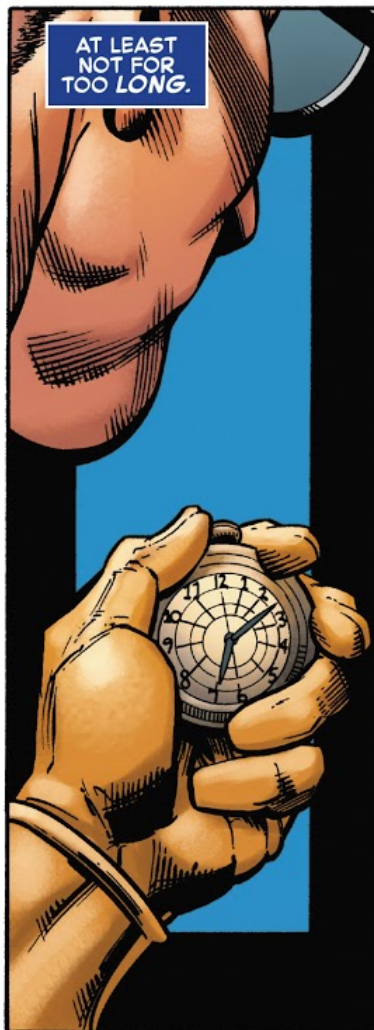


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IT IS NOT
GOOD TO
BE ALONE.



AT LEAST
NOT FOR
TOO LONG.



WE ALL NEED
A FRIEND WHO
WILL CALL ON US
WHEN WE TRY
TO HIDE AWAY--



--OR BURY
OURSELVES
IN OUR OWN
REGRET.



THE ONES WHO
CAN TELL US WHO
WE REALLY ARE--

--AND HELP
US FIND WHAT
WE NEED.

IN SANDMAN'S
CASE, HERE,
THAT'S A LOST
SENSE OF
MORTALITY.

WHO BETTER
THAN A SCIENTIFIC
GENIUS TO HELP
HIM SOLVE THAT
RIDDLE?



NICE JOB,
OTTO.
ONE DOWN--

--FOUR
TO GO.



SINISTER WAR
IS COMING!